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December 23rd, 1895.

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Fancy China Cups and Saucers and Mugs.
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In Perfumes, Toilet Articles, etc., ever shown here.

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Notice.

Having disposed of the Regent Saloon to Mr. F. M. Kettler, we take this method of thanking our numerous customers for past favors, and hope a continuance of the same will be extended to Mr. Kettler. All accounts owing by the late firm will be promptly paid by sending same to C. B. McCluskey, 286 Johnson street, where money owing to said firm may be sent.

d24-2 SWITZER & McCLUSKEY.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday next, the 30th inst., at 4 p.m., for printing and binding 300 copies of the Annual Report of the Corporation for the year 1895, also for printing a number of by-laws.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order,
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office,
Victoria, B C. Dec. 23rd, 1895.

Members of

TEMPLEMAN'S SUB-COMMITTEE No. 6.

Will meet at Philharmonic Hall, Fort Street, on THURSDAY, 26th inst., at 5 p.m. (up stairs).

A. H. SCAIFE, Chairman.

Liberal Association.

Committee No. 11 District.,

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Sextette of Sweet Singers. 10 New and Novel Acts.

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MAGNIFICENT COSTUMES.
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In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

In the matter of the Companies Act 1862, and in the matter of the Victoria Jockey Club, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the winding up of the above company by the Supreme Court of British Columbia was on the 23rd. day of December, A. D., 1895, presented to the Honorable the Supreme Court of British Columbia by Robert Beaven and James Stuart Yates as trustees of the estate of Green, Worlock & Company, who are creditors of the said company and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake on the 7th day of January, 1896, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and that in the event of an order being made for the winding up of the said company, that application will be made for the appointment of George Shedden, of the city of Victoria, accountant, as liquidator, and any creditor or contributor desirous to oppose the making of an order for the winding up of the said company under this act, should appear at the time of hearing by himself or by his counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributor of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for same.

Dated this 23rd. day of December, A. D., 1895.

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NO CABINET MINISTER!!!

Further Confirmation That Controllers Prior and Wood are Subordinate Officers.

That Inalienable Right of Quebec Was Gobbled Up by Ontario To-Day.

Hon Mr. Montague Sworn in as Minister of Agriculture Vice Angers.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—At eleven o'clock to-day John F. Wood was sworn a member of the privy council by Lord Aberdeen at Rideau Hall. At the very same hour Dr. Montague took the oath of office as minister of agriculture.

This bears out all that has been said in the Times as to the position of controllers. What was done in Mr. Wood's case was to make him a privy councillor. It is simply a waste of time discussing such a ridiculous question, and shows how unfit a man like Col. Prior is to ask people's vote when he does not seem to know the difference between a cabinet minister and a privy councillor.

Mr. Wood's status is fixed; it is that of controller of customs at $5000 per year and privy councillor.

Col. Prior's status has now to be decided by the electors. He needs time to study this simple question and should be left at home to do so.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Messrs. Fielding, Emerson, Fraser, and Laurier all spoke at Montreal last night. There was an immense crowd and great enthusiasm was manifested for the Liberal leader and his lieutenants.

A. D. Provand, M.P., Glasgow, Scotland, of the Chignecto Marine Railway scheme, leaves for British Columbia tomorrow to look over mining interests.

The Shortiss case came before the cabinet this afternoon. It has been decided to commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life, the strong pressure upon the government in this case having succeeded.

Advices received at the department of trade and commerce by the last Australian mail indicate the possibility of a great demand for Canadian wheat in Australia. Drought has prevailed to a considerable extent in New South Wales and Victoria and to a lesser extent in South Australia, and as a consequence there is a prospect of a shortage in the wheat harvest.

The Dominion and Ontario governments, through the fisheries and crown lands departments, respectively, recently completed the stocking of several lakes in the Lake of the Woods district with black bass and other valuable fish. Many of these lakes abound in fine trout and maskilonge, but it is thought it would popularize the district as a sporting resort if they were stocked with black bass and speckled trout. Among the lakes which have been treated in this way are Rossland, Osterson, Flint, Otter, Cameron, Sturgeon and Whitefish lakes. Parent fish were put in in each case.

Toronto Mail and Empire Dec. 16:—Mr. John F. Wood, the controller of inland revenue, was offered this morning by Sir Mackenzie Bowell the office of controller of customs, to which he was appointed temporarily on Saturday. The controller acquiesced in the wishes of his chief, and accepted the important post assigned to him. Accordingly it is believed that at the meeting of the cabinet to-day an order-in-council was passed making Mr. Wood the parliamentary head of the customs department. The transference of Mr. Woods to the customs department leaves a vacancy in the inland revenue department, to which it was understood Col. Prior was appointed to-day.

Ottawa Journal, Dec. 16: Hon. John F. Wood, controller of inland revenue, has bene offered and accepted the position of controller of customs, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Wallace. Lieut.-Col. E. .G Prior, M. P., Victoria, B. C., has been offered, and it has been offered and accepted the position of controller of inland revenue, which will become vacant by the promotion of Mr. Wood to the customs department. The report that Mr. Prior is to be made a cabinet minister is inaccurate. The act creating the offices of controllers of inland revenue and customs, and attaching them to that of trade and commerce, also provides that they will not have seats at the cabinet. So that neither Mr. Woods nor Mr. Prior will become cabinet ministers. What will be done is that Messrs. Wood and Prior will be sworn in a member of the privy council, the same as was done in the case of ex-Speaker Kirkpatrick and ex-Speaker Ouimet. In other words, Messrs. Wood and Prior will be privy councillors, but not cabinet ministers.

Toronto Star, Dec. 17: The government newspaper to-day confirm the information stated exclusively in this correspondence yesterday that Mr. Wood is to become controller of customs, and Lieut.-Col. Prior appointed controller of inland revenue. The cabinet passed on the matter last evening. Both controllers are to be sworn in to the privy council so that hereafter they may have the privilege of writing the affix "Hon." to their names for life. They are not to be cabinet ministers, but will continue to be parliamentary heads under Hon. W. R. Ives, as the statute provides.

Winnipeg Free Press, Dec. 19: Misapprehension appears to have arisen regarding recent ministerial changes. The Premier informed your correspondent to-day that both Wood and Prior will be members of the cabinet, but their departments under the act of 1887 will still be subsidiary to the department of trade and commerce. No additional expense will be involved by the change as the controllers will be paid the salaries mentioned in the act, namely, $5000 per annum. A well known student of constitutional usage and practice, speaking to your correspondent of the new ministerial arrangements, expressed the opinion that it would not work well. It seemed anomalous that two members of the government sitting around the council board while possessing equal powers with their colleagues of speaking and voting on matters coming up for consideration, should yet be practically subject to the veto of one minister, viz., Hon. Mr. Ives, it being understood that he will report to the council on all matters coming from the department of customs and inland revenue. There appears to be force in this direction, and your correspondent would not be surprised if next session an act were passed placing the customs and inland revenue under independent departmental administrators, each responsible only to their colleagues as a whole.

Vancouver World: It looks somewhat peculiar that if Col. Prior is to be a cabinet minister, he should not have been sworn in before appealing to his constituents for an endorsation of his conduct. So far as our reading of Canadian history goes this is the first instance in which the constitution has been flagrantly violated. Of course, if he is to be merely an outside hireling, it may be that he can perform the task devolving upon him without going through the formula. But if he is a full-fledged cabinet minister—as the Tories of Victoria claim him to be—then most assuredly he should be sworn in and his seat declared vacant. This was the manner in which Hon. Dr. Montague had to be dealt with on assuming the position of secretary of state, in Haldimand. It may be that Sir Mackenzie Bowell is going to perpetrate another edition of the notorious double shuffle deal of August, 1858, upon the country. Possibly some of our readers who claim to be authorities upon constitutional law and parliamentary usage will enlighten the public on this matter.

THE CONTEST IN CARDWELL.

Only One Polling Place Heard From up to Four O'clock.

Cardwell, Ont., Dec. 24.—The first polling place heard from in Cardwell gives Willoughby, Conservative, 41; Stubbs, McCarthyite, 36; Henry, Liberal, 42.

Latest.—Seventeen places in Cardwell give Willoughby, 812; Stubbs, 948; and Henry, 273.

BEAT HIM BY MISTAKE.

A Man Cruelly Beats a Parson with a Rock, in Lexington.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 24.—Rev. Wm. H. March, Methodist preacher, of this county, was cruelly beaten with a rock by Alexander Calvert, a mountain desperado, near Goshen, a few nights ago, through mistake. He is in a critical condition. Calvert thought he was beating a school teacher, who a few days ago had punished his son. He has been jailed.

BIG FIRE AT FALSE CREEK.

About Thirty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Fire broke out at 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening at Cassady's mill, False Creek, and the building was soon consumed. The loss is estimated at $20,000, insurance $13,500. The fire spread to Spicer's shingle mill adjoining, which was damaged to the extent of $6000, with but small insurance. The British Columbia Cooperage and Jute Works were also damaged to the extent of $2000.

The fire was caused by the upsetting of a lamp and its subsequent explosion. A fierce wind was blowing at the time and an immense conflagration was only prevented by the heroic exertions of the fire brigade, who worked manfully all night.

THE NEW GOLD BOND ISSUE.

To be Made at Once—Particulars not Yet Published.

New York, Dec. 24.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: At a conference of the cabinet officers with President Cleveland it was decided to issue bonds at once to replenish the gold reserve. Members of the cabinet who are in the city were summoned to the White House, and the president went over the situation with them. It was decided that Secretary Carlisle should at once prepare for another bond issue. The administration was in consultation with some of the members of the late Belmont-Morgan syndicate, but it could not be learned last night whether the new bonds are to be taken by the syndicate or whether the proposals are to be asked for by the secretary of the treasury. The amount of the issue, it is said, will be enough to raise the gold reserve above $100,000,000, although it is not intended to sell any more bonds than seems absolutely necessary, because it is believed the present flurry will soon pass over, in view of the growing belief of the peaceful settlement of the Venezuela question.

—Paper bags and wrapping paper; wholesale price. Johnston's, Douglas street.

THE STORM SUBSIDED.

Now That the Little, Loud-Mouthed Jingoists Have Blown Off.

Foolish People in Nicaragua Preparing to Join a Very Mythical Army.

Christmas Holidays May Cool Hot Heads on Both the Atlantic Shores.

New York, Dec. 24.—Of all the anti-war sermons preached in this city, the fieriest was preached in the Central Metropolitan church by the Rev. S. R. Cadman. Dr. Cadman is an Americanized-Englishman, and his language was directed with equal vehemence against the war advocates of both countries. Beneath the thin veneer of religion, he said, there was much of barbarism in all of us when the howlings of war dogs could bring us so near the throats of our neighbors. If war is averted, he said, it would only be because of the intervention of religion.

Continuing, he said, "The English people and the newspapers, I am sorry to see, are no better than those on this side. The whole thing is characterized by a species of hydrophobia jingoism gone mad, and for this jingoism England, more than anybody else, is responsible. At the treaty of Berlin, England offered to take care of the Christians within the territories of the Sultan. How has she done so? The slaughter of one million in the time that has elapsed since the signing of the treaty sufficiently testifies that the pretensions were of the bloodiest kind of a bloody farce. The slaughter now going on in Armenia is the aftermath of British jingoism."

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—President Cleveland's message to Congress on the Venezuelan question is gratefully endorsed by President Zeilay and all Nicaraguans. Citizens of the United States residing in Nicaragua are delighted with Mr. Cleveland's action, and are preparing to return north in order to join the army of the United States should such a step be necessary.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—One result of the present war scare is the unanimous demand for the arming of the militia with the Lee-Metford rifle, which will cost the country half a million. The government will take prompt measures in this direction, not with the thought of war in prospect, but as a matter of efficiency. Military men are a unit in the matter of new arms and have also pointed out that another cartridge factory is imperatively needed in Canada. It is said that parliament may be asked to vote an appropriation to make a thorough test of smokeless powder.

London, Dec. 24.—The afternoon newspapers continue their comments on the Venezuelan question, and the hope is expressed that the Christmas holidays will help to bring about a calmer mood on both sides of the Atlantic. All possibility of war is now regarded as being over, and the affair is viewed chiefly from the standpoint of American domestic politics and from its bearing on the financial situation.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison is being pleasantly chaffed as the result of a re-publication here of an alleged interview with him, which quoted him as describing some startling inventions which he was said to be ready to bring forward in the event of war.

The St. James Gazette comments upon the statement attributed to John Redmond, the Irish leader, regarding the attitude of Ireland in the case, styles him traitor, and says it believes him also to be a libeller when he says that Ireland would go solidly American. The St. James Gazette asks what would happen the American politicians just now who would say in the event of war that Ireland would fight for England.

Cable News.

Belfast, Dec. 24.—Mr. Edward Harland, head of the famous shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, died to-day. He was a member of parliament for North Belfast in the Conservative interest.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Frankfurt Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Constantinople, saying that there has been fierce fighting at Zeitoun between the Turkish troops who surrounded the city and the insurgent Armenians who defended it. Both sides lost frightfully. The Turkish were 10,000 strong and had 24 pieces of artillery. The Armenians numbered 15,000, but had no artillery.

American.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 24.—The recent heavy rains have caused a break in Lamarsh dykes, and hundreds of acres have been flooded by the Illinois river. About twenty families have been forced to abandon their homes. The loss on farm property will be heavy.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas in Shoenberger's rolling mill this morning, eight men were burned, one named Bowman fatally. The men were working at the bottom of the blast furnace when the gas exploded, and before the men could get out of the way the hot metal poured over them.

—Pocket knives, scissors, etc., a specialty at Shore's Hardware.

SHUT OFF DISCUSSION

Col Prior Commences the Campaign Badly in More Ways Than One.

"I Believe it Because My Mother Told Me So," He Said Last Evening.

He Has All the Blind Faith Required by the Conservative Party Leaders.

Will Follow, in Implicit Obedience, Where Even Clarke Wallace Refused to Go.

Pushed Up in a Corner, Col. Prior Doesn't Know Where He Stands.

Simmered down to plain matter of fact, it was elicited from Col. Prior at his meeting last evening at Cedar Hill that the Colonel does not himself know his position; he has received some offer from Premier Bowell, and legal or illegal, constitutional or not constitutional, he places the most implicit faith in that offer. Mr. H. A. Munn cornered the Col. and handled him with bare knuckles, landing in pointed, pithy and curt questions that had each the effect of a straight right-hander from the shoulder, until at last the Colonel capitulated and confessed his blind faith in the premier.

Mr. Munn also directed his quick-firing guns on Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, and the latter, with all his positiveness and legal knowledge, was forced to the wall with the Colonel, and making the same terms of surrender.

There is no "old flag" cry this time, and the Tories cannot subject one of the most venerable and respected figures in British Columbia to public ridicule by wrapping a Union Jack around him, but they are bringing out Hon. Dr Helmcken this time to uphold the personal integrity of Premier Bowell. Everybody who saw the venerable doctor smiled at the straits the Tory party is in, while regretting that again his gray head should be seen in a fight so unworthy of his record.

The opening, and in fact the only part of Col. Prior's speech to which he gave any detailed explanation was a defence of his position on the cabinet question at some length, holding in effect that he was a cabinet minister. Coming to the trade question, he thought he need say nothing about that, as he considered the audience believed with him on that subject. ("No.") Perhaps not all of them but some of them did. The farmers wanted protection.

The Colonel waited for some sign of approval, but there was silence.

The policy of the opposition had been everything, but he believed that that pursued by the Dominion government was to protect the farmers and build up the country. The Liberals, in fact, had run the whole gamut on the trade question, in which connection the speaker trotted out the old and often answered argument of free trade, freedom of trade and so forth. He also instanced the depression in England, which, of course, was duly credited up to free trade, and held the Conservative government up as a shining example of national beneficence in not taxing the people for tea and coffee, as the English people were. Then the percentage of people who owned their homes in England was so small. ("Landlordism.") Again, he would ask if the people wanted free trade as they have it in England? ("Yes.") There may be a few, but he did not believe the people as a whole did. Some had complained of high taxation.

"We don't want the country taxed to support a lot of hoodlers," said a local elector.

This created a laugh and the Colonel flushed up, whereupon some one referred to McGreevy and Connolly's kidney disease. An old time British Columbian asked what about them and the Colonel admitted that they had done wrong, but there was not a man in the Conservative party who backed them up, but the same old timer renewed the fun by showing how actively the Conservative party managers had interested themselves in getting them out of jail. Col. Prior tried to score a point in return by a reference, on the old grounds, to Mr. Tarte's connection with the Liberal party, but there were too many Liberals present, and the Conservatives were too well acquainted with history for the attempt to prove brilliant to the Colonel.

Coming back to the cabinet question: he read the following telegram from Premier Bowell:

"Yes, vote and voice in cabinet and council equal to mine. See Telegram to Prior. Surprised doubt exists after many affirmative answers given these questions. MACKENZIE BOWELL."

This question was dealt with again later in the evening, when the Colonel's true position was elicited.

As to the Manitoba school question there was no coercion at all, he held, about the matter. It was simply carrying out the law as laid down in Manitoba's own Acts. In this connection the speaker detailed the decision of the Privy Council giving the minority the right to appeal, but refraining from directing what course the Dominion government should take in the matter. He believed the course followed by the Dominon government was right, and if the electors did not think so, he could not help it. The feeling in Manitoba, the Colonel said, after explaining the position in Quebec and Ontario, was in favor of non-sectarian schools. (Hear, hear.) He felt perfectly certain the present government would never bring in a bill to give them separate schools, a statement he qualified by hastening to remark that he did not know what the intentions of the government were.

"How can you support it if you don't know what it is?" asked an elector.

"I am supporting the government," said the Colonel, "and I believe they will do what is right, and as long as they do I will support them."

British Columbia and Manitoba, he claimed, were not on the same footing in school matters, and it was ridiculous to anticipate any such state of affairs here.

The Colonel closed with an expression of the hope that the electors would return him on the 6th of January.

In his plea for the return of the Conservative party, Mr. Prior touched broadly on the religious question, asking those present whether they were going to turn out a good loyal Protestant and an Orangeman, and be governed by a Frenchman and a Roman Catholic, but the plea was received in the same silence as other attempts to arouse enthusiasm.

Mr. Earle thought that Col. Prior had submitted the most convincing evidence of his position. He deprecated the course of the opposition in contesting this election after the government had acceded to the demand that British Columbia had been pressing for years. There was no question but that the course taken by the government on the school question was the right one, and the only one any proper government should take. He thought that the electors were unanimous on the questions of the office offered to Col. Prior, on the trade and school questions and on any other question at issue (Mr. Lewis and Mr. Cuthbert, both from town, applauded vigorously), and Mr. Earle was prepared to endorse the sentiments expressed by Col. Prior (Same aplause.) Mr. Earle did not go very deeply into the trade question, excusing himself on the ground that he had not come prepared to make a speech, and he closed by saying that he would have another session at any rate, no matter how this election went, but incidentally he hoped Col. Prior would go back east with him.

Hon. Dr. Helmcken, whose venerable and respected presence was made such capital of in the last general election, was present on this occasion, and although he did not say anything new or convincing, he was listened to with that respectful attention which all British Columbians, and especially Victorians, always extend to him. He said, in effect, that he believed Col. Prior to be a cabinet minister, because he, the doctor, had a letter from Premier Bowell to that effect. He strongly deprecated the practice of discrediting the acts and words of the leading public men, especially those occupying the high and important position of premier. There was very little he had to say on the school question. He believed it would not be settled this session, but that it would come before the electors again. It was to be regretted that the subject had been brought within the range of political partizanship at all, and here the venerable doctor unconsciously scored the party he was championing, as in strong terms he denounced the politicians who had made party capital out of it. However, there was legislation about to be brought in dealing with it, and pending that legislation, he said, let justice be done, though the heavens fall.

Dr. Helmcken, passing to the trade question, said that at the last general election Mr. Templeman and Mr. Marchant had advocated free trade out and out.

Mr. Marchant denied this. He said that while his impression then was that unrestricted reciprocity would be a great thing for this country, he had always advocated a revenue tariff.

Dr. Helmcken cast doubt on this and intimated that it was convenient at the present juncture to come around to something else.

Mr. Marchant begged the doctor to remember that, earlier in the meeting, when Col. Prior had offered to show the telegram from Premier Bowell he, Mr. Marchant, had unhesitatingly said that the last thing he would think of would be to doubt the Colonel's word. He would accept it without question. He hoped that when he made a statement he would be treated in the same spirit of courtesy. He had always advocated free trade for England, and while he might believe that it was the best thing also in the end for this country, he had advocated for it a revenue tariff.

The doctor was under the impression that Mr. Marchant had written articles preaching free trade for this country, but Mr. Marchant denied that a single extract could be shown from any writings of his to any effect other than that stated by him.

Continuing, Dr. Helmcken said that if the farmers considered their interests they would vote for protection for native industries. He thought free trade would be their ruin (no applause.) He again dealt with the mistaken intentions of the opposition in making a contest.

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., M. P.P., followed. The question to consider was whether the people were satisfied with the representation that had been given them. He felt convinced that the position offered Col. Prior was that of a cabinet minister.

Mr. Munn.—I would like to ask Mr. Helmcken if he would stake his legal reputation on the question that a man can be a controller and a cabinet minister.

Mr. Helmcken.—Do you want me to give you an opinion off hand?

Mr. Munn.—I want to know if you will stake your legal reputation on the question I ask? You must have given the matter some thought.

Mr. Helmcken.—I am not going to stake any reputation. Sir Mackenzie Bowell says it is so, and there you are.

Mr. Earle pointed out that at the Liberal meeting two well known lawyers had spoken and neither of them had referred to the subject.

Mr. J. A. Grant asked why Premier Bowell did not take the first opportunity that offered of giving British Columbia cabinet representation? A Quebec minister had resigned some time ago and his office is still vacant. Why was not that given to Col. Prior instead of offering him a position which another man had thrown over because he could not in decency hold it, and because no eastern man could be found to accept it? (Applause.)

Col. Prior explained that this was because the vacant portfolio should be given to Quebec, to which province it was supposed to rightfully belong.

Mr. Helmcken thought it was idle to attempt to make the opposition believe what the Conservatives said practically.

Col. Prior proceeded to explain how he could be a cabinet minister and a controller as well. As an ordinary member of parliament the Governor-General has a perfect right to make him a privy councillor, but the premier has the right to create him a cabinet minister, without a portfolio, and if he, Col. Prior, chooses to take over the position of controller with a smaller salary than a cabinet minister, he held there was nothing in the law to prevent his doing so. In other words, he could be a controller of inland revenue, drawing a controller's salary, and at the same time be a cabinet minister, independent of the controllership.

Mr. Munn.—Are the controllers both under the department of trade and commerce?

Col. Prior.—They were.

Mr. Munn.—Are they?

Col. Prior.—No.

Mr. Munn.—Parliament has not assembled yet; how can they change an act of parliament until parliament meets?

Col. Prior was getting badgered and he fenced the question by asking another: Am I a constitutional lawyer?

Mr. Munn, pitilessly.—I want to know if the controllers are not under the direction of Mr. Ives, minister of trade and commerce? Can they sit in the cabinet, on an equality with Mr. Ives?

Col. Prior.—They didn't sit in the cabinet at all.

Mr. Munn.—Will they in future?

Col. Prior again fenced the question by asking: "Am I a constitutional lawyer?" and immediately collapsed with the bland-like avowal:

"There is what Mr. Bowell says, and I am willing to go on that."

Mr. Munn.—There is the substance of the whole question. The controllers of customs and inland revenue being under the direction of the minister of trade and commerce, he is the higher officer, therefore it is unreasonable to suppose that the two controllers can be on an equality with him in the government.

Col. Prior.—They certainly were not, but they are now.

Mr. Munn.—How has it come about; where is the authority for it?

Col. Prior.—I can only go by what I am told by him.

The chairman put an end to further discussion by announcing that a motion to adjourn was in order and the motion was rushed through with the greatest unceremoniousness amid loud cries for "Marchant," and Mr. Lewis, who had been trying hard to get an opportunity to air his eloquence, and Mr. Cuthbert, who had taken copious notes for a prospective speech, both nursed a cruelly disappointed ambition all the way home.

CABINET AND LAW.

To the Editor:—The Colonist made the statement on Sunday morning that "the cabinet is a very peculiar institution, and powerful as it is, the law has little or nothing to do with it." I have never taken much interest in affairs political, but have always thought that the case was as the Colonist put it. The law cannot have much to do with the cabinet or cabinet ministers. If it had, Sir Adolphe Caron, the "sweater," and several of the other vultures with whom Col. Prior is anxious to sit at the council board, would now be behind the bars. Boodling would not have been so rampant throughout the Dominion, and the Colonist, "fighting for principles," would not remain lukewarm until they had "heard" from Ottawa. McGreevy and Connolly would have served out their term in jail along with the bigger bugs who were also the bigger thieves. By the by, Col. Prior has not yet told us whether he would agree to empty the jails of all men suffering from kidney troubles. No doubt he could find many right in the provincial jail just as bad as Sir Hibbert Tupper said McGreevy and Connolly were. VICTORIAN.

CHARMS OF COMFORT.

To the Editor: Our Lord and Saviour, whose birthday we are about to celebrate, previous to closing his earthly career, availed Himself of the opportunity to make known to His disciples that although on the point of parting with them He would not leave them comfortless, but would sent to them the Comforter. Undoubtedly his intimation meant spiritual comfort—it meant that, and more than that, for in a worldly point of view there is in this one word comfort so much contentment and happiness expressed, that the mere thought, or mention of it is even most endearing, and we know of no reason why this worldly comfort should not be in full harmony, and unison with spiritual comfort. Now, it has been said that there is no word in the French language that adequately conveys the meaning of the English word comfort, and one can easily imagine it to be true, for with a people constituted as the French are, so prone to excitement, the cosiness and happiness of the English word comfort would seem to have no meaning; but to the English mind, on the contrary, the attainment of comfort is the object of a lifetime. How pleasant at all times to hear of friends or relatives that they are in comfortable circumstances. What a host of pleasant emotions are excited to learn that this comfort is enjoyed, and moreover that the promise of this comfort, whether it comes as the shades of evening at close of day in blissful repose are descending, or whether occurring in the evening of life, is ever welcome and most acceptable. W. K. B.

—Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the travelling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

To the Editor:—As an elector of Victoria district, I attended the meeting held at Cedar Hill last evening. The Colonist, I always knew, could not be relied upon for reports of political meetings, but this morning it outdoes itself. The report of the meeting which appears this morning is shamefully biased. Just before the close of the meeting, ex-Ald. Munn asked some very pertinent questions about Col. Prior's position. Col. Prior could give no other answer than that given by the school boy: "I believe it because my mother (Bowell) told me so." The Colonist entirely ignores this in its report, being afraid to publish it. By doing so they have lost several votes for their candidate. MT. TOLMIE.

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Tacoma's Ex-City Treasurer Made an Example of to Evil Doers.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23.—George W. Boggs, ex-city treasurer, was this afternoon sentenced to the state penitentiary for six years for using funds of office to his personal gain.

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By order.

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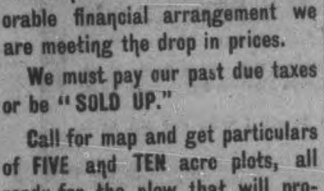

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—Dolls at the Manchester House will be sold at cost this week by order of the consignor.

—There will be a practice game of football at the Caledonia grounds tomorrow afternoon.

—Remember that the "Headquarters" is situated next to Fell's on Fort street, the sign is Weiler Bros.

—Colfax Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, will hold a meeting this evening when business of importance will be transacted.

—By using Hall's Hair Renewer, gray, faded or discolored hair assumes the natural color of youth, and grows luxuriant and strong, pleasing everybody.

—Mrs. Dewdney will give a farewell dance to the Admiral and officers of H. M. S. Royal Arthur at Government House on Monday evening next.

—The case against the Esquimalt boatmen, for stealing a bucket from the Naval Yard was dismissed by the magistrate, E. Baynes Reed, yesterday.

—A lot of business was disposed of at last evening's meeting of the city council. Mayor Teague occupied the chair, Ald. Partridge being the only absentee.

—Crockett, who shot George White at Seattle, was yesterday held for trial in the superior court to answer a charge of murder in the first degree and his bail was fixed at $5000.

—Knox church, Spring Ridge, will hold its annual Christmas entertainment on Friday evening. An excellent programme and Christmas tree have been arranged for the occasion.

This evening the hackmen of the city will meet at the Cliff House for their annual reunion. An excellent dinner and good programme have been prepared. The hackmen will, no doubt, spend a pleasant evening.

—Those holding tickets in Davidson Bros 'How Much Sunshine" contest are requested to bear in mind that all tickets should be deposited before 12 o'clock to-night. No guess will be received after that hour.

—A meeting of the executive of the local Council of Women was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, when a plan of campaign for the coming school trustee election was discussed. Mrs. Gordon Grant and Mrs. William Grant will be the lady candidates.

—So thorough is the excellence of Ayer's Hair Vigor that it can be used with benefit by any person, no matter what may be the condition of the hair, and in every case, it occasions satisfaction and pleasure, in addition to the benefit which invariably comes from its use.

—Officers for the ensuing term were elected by the Companions of the Forest as follows: W. C. C., Miss H. Coates; W. S. C., Miss W. Sellick; W. F. Sec., Mrs. E. Lang; W. R. Sec., Mrs. C. Halpenny; W. Treas., Mrs. A Churton; W. R. G., Mrs. T. Smith; W. L. G., Mrs. J. Dudgeon; W. I. G., Mrs. Caldwell; W. O. G., P. J. Davis.

—Arrangments have now been completed for the New Year ball by the Companions of the Forest at the A. O. U. W. hall. Four elegant pieces of plate have been chosen for the prizes, for the four most appropriate costumes, which are on view at Speed Bros. grocery, Fort street. The best floor managers have been chosen with the object of looking after strangers.

—Mr. Arthur Lee, of Lee & Fraser, and Mis Susie Marion, daughter of Capt. J. W. Butler, were married at their future home, 31 Rae street, by the Rev. Solomon Cleaver, M. A. Miss Mugford acted as bridesmaid while Mr. C. H. Bowes supported the groom. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of both parties, who are well and favorably known in the city.

—Application has been made by Robt. Dudgeon, proprietor of the Cliff House, Clover Point, to the marine department for a rocket relief apparatus, which he offers to take in charge and use when occasion demands free of charge, for a period of five years. Mr. Dudgeon thoroughly understands the handling of shore rockets, and he believes they would be the means of saving lives in the future.

—George Cole, a Metchosin pioneer, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital. Mr. Cole was unfortunate enough to break his leg a short time ago, and being an aged man, he was unable to survive the shock. The deceased was 72 years of age, a native of Essex, England, and lived for 35 years in Metchosin. The funeral will take place from the hospital on Friday at 9:30 and half an hour later from the Roman Catholic cathedral.

—F. J. Tiegse, a bridge carpenter shot his wife twice Sunday morning in Seattle, and then shot himself in the head, but his aim was so poor and his revolver so small that both are still alive, although it is feared the woman is fatally wounded. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy. The couple were married twenty-seven years ago and have nine big children. Of late years the couple have not lived very much together and for weeks past not even in the same house. The would-be murderer and suicide is at Providence hospital nursing a sore head and his wife is at the humble home, Twelfth and Charles streets, with two bullet holes in her body.

—The constitution and by-laws of the Victoria Municipal Reform Association were adopted at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, at which Mr. D. R. Harris presided. The object of the association is "to promote generally the good government of the city and the welfare and prosperity of the citizens thereof." The entrance fee has been placed at $5 and the annual subscription at $4. There are already 50 members of the association and a committee consisting of Messrs. B. W. Pearse, Charles Hayward, D. R. Harris and F. Elworthy have been appointed to receive applications for membership. A meeting will be held on Monday next for the election of officers.

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—The first scow load of coal from Jordan's West Wellington mine arrived today in tow of the steamer Constance. This coal is said to be A1 in quality and that it will be sold at $5 per ton.

—A late issue of the London Times mentions the arrival there in excellent condition of a large consignment of frozen salmon from British Columbia after a voyage of 22,000 miles, and says the wonderful possibilities of cold storage seem very forcibly demonstrated thereby.

—The residence of Mr. Spice, Rock Bay avenue, was last evening invaded by the members of the choir of the Centennial Methodist church and a number of friends, who presented the popular leader of the choir and his esteemed wife with a number of beautiful and appropriate gifts, the occasion being the anniversary of their wedding.

—The Y. M. C. A. educational committee decided at last night's meeting to start classes in manual training if $200 can be raised by public subscription. This sum will be necessary to furnish apparatus and everything necessary incidental to the organization of a manual training class. It is thought that the class once organized will be self-supporting.

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NANAIMO NEWS.

Sunday Observance—The Coal Mines—A Double Arrest.

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—Last evening at the council meeting the Sunday observance by-law, which had been dead for the past eight months, was resurrected, and after a lengthy discussion and many amendments in committee it passed its second reading. Ald. Pleace and Taggart fought hard against the bill, and during its discussion Ald. Pleace retired.

A report is being circulated in this city that the Dunsmuirs will shortly control the mines of the New V. C. Co. While the report is credited by many of the business men, it is safe to say there is nothing in it.

Sidney Ross Langdon, of Vancouver, and Miss Marguerite Watkins, of Whatcom, were united in marriage by Canon Good early yesterday morning. The young couple left for Victoria en route to Whatcom.

Constable Meen arrested Flo Hall and John Thompson at the depot yesterday morning just as they were about to board the train for Victoria. Flo was charged with stealing $300 from one of her adorers, and Thompson was charged with being an accessory.

—When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Terr., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future. 75 cent bottles for sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

—Mother writes: "No trouble now getting the children to attend to their teeth, they like Odoroma so much."

EFFECT ON MONEY MARKETS.

More Gold From America is Expected to Help Things in London.

London, Dec. 24.—The money market has undergone a temporary tightening under the influence of the American panic. Ease will undoubtedly be restored on the arrival of gold from New York. In the stock market the shock produced by President Cleveland's message caused a demoralization in the American market. While war was never seriously anticipated, the investing and speculating world look with the utmost apprehension to the consequences to American finances likely to follow what the mildest here describe as President Cleveland's rashness. After President Cleveland's and Secretary Carlisle's recent utterances on the currency question, hopes began to arise in the American market. But the crisis had completely shattered all confidence, and even the best gold bonds were being thrown recklessly on the market. Further dalliance with the currency problem was regarded as impossible, and until it is seen how events will shape themselves there is little chance of a rally, except through the purchase of the best class of bands by sanguine speculators. It is difficult to get the actual dealing prices, but the week's fall ranges from 3 to 12 per cent. Canadians were almost as badly affected. Canadian Pacific being down 7 1-2 and Grand Trunk 2 1-2. All markets were weak in sympathy.

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POLITICAL MEETING!

The Opposition candidate, Mr. TEMPLEMAN, and others, will address the electors at CEDAR HILL SCHOOL HOUSE, on MONDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

Col. Prior is invited to attend.

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As a Christmas present to the loved ones far away is a momentous question with many just now.

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JOSHUA DAVIES

AUCTIONEER,

Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

Col. Prior at the Cedar Hill meeting said the ministry of agriculture, vacated by Mr. Angers, could be given to no other than a Quebec man. Dr. Montague, who is an Ontario man, was sworn in as minister of agriculture today at Ottawa, so the Colonel's statement was decidedly erroneous. Why could not the portfolio have been given to a British Columbian as well as to a man from Ontario? If Col. Prior had been made minister of agriculture he would have been a bona fide member of the cabinet, and there would have been no occasion for the "fake" which Sir Mackenzie has devised in his behalf.

A POLITICAL ECONOMIST.

Col. Prior, at Cedar Hill: "He might mention that one of the reasons why the steamers are subsidized is that we want to sell to China, to secure for Canada a share of the great trade which may be done with her." Out of the profundity of his knowledge of political economy the Colonel might point out how Canadians are going to sell goods to China if they do not take Chinese goods in return. Do the Chinese send over their money in payment of Canadian goods? Has Chinese money come over to Canada to pay for the goods already sold there? If so, what has become of it? Let the Colonel answer.

PRIOR VERSUS WALLACE.

Colonist report of Cedar Hill meeting: "Col. Prior answered that it is the government he is supporting, and he has every confidence that they will turn out to be right. It will be plenty of time for him to oppose them when he finds them going wrong."

Clarke Wallace's explanation of his resignation: "I felt so strongly the undesirability of interfering with the province of Manitoba in the control of its educational affairs, and so strongly against imposing the separate school system on that province against the will of its people, as to convince me of the propriety of the step I have taken, and I look for the confidence and good will of my friends in that step."

Col. Prior by accepting office says that Clarke Wallace deserves no confidence or good will, and that he was wrong in his course of action.

ONLY A BRANCH.

On Dec. 14 the Colonist's Ottawa correspondent contained the following:—

"The department of customs being a branch of the department of trade and commerce, little inconvenience will in the meantime be felt for lack of a departmental head, all the customs business coming in the natural course of events before Mr. Ives. It is unlikely, however, that the department of customs will be without a controller for any length of time. Indeed it is probable that at the council meeting of tomorrow Hon John F. Wood will be appointed acting controller of customs. Since he has been a member of the government Mr. Wood has demonstrated that he is a most capable administrator with an enormous capacity for work, and although it may come pretty hard on him for a while to control both the inland revenue and customs departments, he is quite able to do the work."

Col. Prior has been made controller of inland revenue, which is an even less important branch of the department of trade and commerce than is the customs sub-department, yet the Colonist's Ottawa correspondent said the latter could be left for a time with little inconvenience, and one man could administer both without any great difficulty. This is the post which Col. Prior has been given. Col. Prior may say what he likes, in the government of Canada he ranks only as a controller and the subordinate of the minister of customs.

TUPPER'S CONCLUSION.

Sir Hibbert Tupper went to New York to meet his father, and while there was questioned with reference to Canadian politics by some of the New York papers. Of this interview E. E. Sheppard, a good Conservative, writes as follows in the Toronto Star: "Tupper, jr., is in New York to meet Tupper, sr., and is telling the newspapers that North Ontario proves that the remedial order suits Ontario exactly, and will be shown to be precisely what the Tories of this province want. The opposite will be demonstrated before long, together with the fact that the Tuppers are loyal to no principle but self-interest, and to no person who is not a Tupper or married to one. It was the Tuppers who forced the remedial order upon the government, and everyone who knows the inside history of the thing is aware that Sir Hibbert had his whole policy prepared before the decision of the Privy Council was known in Canada, and announced it before the ink on the cablegram was scarcely dry. He and his father were doubtless working together, and soon the precious pair will be in Ottawa together to help poor old Sir Bowell—further into the whole." Mr. Sheppard knows a good deal of the inside history of events on his own side of politics, and will readily be accepted as an authority.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

As to-morrow will be Christmas there will be no issue of the Times. To all our readers we extend the heartiest "Merry Christmas" and the hope that they may enjoy the season of festivity.

AFRAID.

No plainer indication that Col. Prior is afraid to face the issue can be produced than the fact that he has arranged to hold a meeting at Spring Ridge on Thursday—the date of the opposition meeting at the Victoria theatre. Col. Prior has been invited to speak at the latter and all other meetings held by the opposition candidate. He is afraid of discussion.

"THE MINORITY."

Col. Prior at last night's meeting had a great deal to say about the rights and privileges of the Manitoba minority. Yet he proceeded to ask his hearers whether they "were going to turn out a good loyal Protestant and Orangeman and be governed by a Frenchman and a Roman Catholic." That little portion of his speech showed exactly how much regard Col. Prior entertains in his inmost heart for the rights of the minority. When he talks about the minority his sentiments are purely official.

THE CONTROLLERS.

Yesterday we gave Dr. Bourinot's statement in regard to the relative position of cabinet ministers and controllers. To-day we quote the provisions of the statute of 1878 creating the office of controller, the terms of which can leave no doubt in any reasonable person's mind as to the subordinate position the controllers occupy. The reader will observe the distinction made between ministers of the crown and the controllers, the latter being appointed by order-in-council and removed at the pleasure of the council. The sections of the act which have to do with the matter are as follows:

1. The depart of customs and the department of inland revenue respectively shall, from and after the coming into force of this act, or of so much thereof as relates to either of the said departments, in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained, be under the control and supervision of the minister of trade and commerce, or of the minister of finance, as the governor in council from time to time directs, and the offices of minister of customs and minister of inland revenue shall cease to exist so soon as this act is brought in force, as respects the department of customs or the department of inland revenue, as the case may be.

2. The governor in council may appoint an officer who shall be called the controller of customs, and an officer who shall be called the controller of inland revenue, each of whom shall hold office during pleasure, and shall, under the general instructions of the minister of trade and commerce, or of the minister of finance, as the governor in council dictates, be the parliamentary head of the said departments respectively.

3. The said officers shall each receive a salary at the rate of five thousand dollars per annum.

4. Wherever by any act any duty is assigned to, or any power is conferred upon the minister of customs or the minister of inland revenue, such duty shall be performed or such power shall be exercised by the controller of customs or the controller of inland revenue respectively; but any duty or power assigned to the controller of customs or the controller of inland revenue shall be performed or exercised subject to the supervision and control of the minister of trade and commerce, or of the minister of finance, as the governor in council directs.

7. Whenever any person who holds the office of controller of customs or controller of inland revenue and is, at the same time, a member of the house of commons, resigns his office, and within one month after his resignation accepts any of the offices mentioned in sub-section three of section nine of the "Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons," and become a member of the Crown and a member of the Queen's privy council for Canada, or having so resigned, accepts any office created by this act or by the act of the present session intituled "An Act to make provision for the appointment of a Solicitor-General," other than that then held by him, he shall not thereby vacate his seat, unless the administration under which he held office as controller of customs or controller of inland revenue has resigned and a new administration has been formed.

"Why are you looking so serious, Bobby" asked the fond father.

"Thinkin' about the preacher. He told us we should not covet other people's things, and then tried to get all the pennies we had."

A child being asked, "What is the plural of forget-me-not?" answered: "Forget-us-not."

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"Well, good-bye, and remember me to your brother; by the way, was he much hurt in that trap accident?"

"Hurt? I should think not. Horse trod on his face, and it's improved his looks wonderfully."

"Why are you like a serpent?"
The question was alarming,
But presently he made it clear:
"Because you are so charming"

"Naw," growled the comfortable looking man, "I won't give you a cent. I work for my money."

"Oh, you do," retorted Mr. Dismal Dawson. "I didn't know that or I wouldn't have asked you. I did'nt mean to impose on an idiot.

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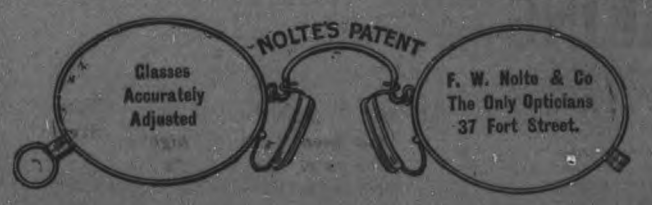

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—See the prize puzzle in the window at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St. *

—P. S. Bartlett Waltham watches in dust-proof stem-wind cases, $10.50, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—The sale of watches, clocks and jewelry is not postponed, but is always running at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—The Sabbath school Christmas tree entertainment of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, will take place in Semple's Hall, on Thursday evening.

—Call at the London bar for A. 1 Tom and Jerry. Hot lunch on Christmas Eve—pork and beans, Boston brown bread, roast turkey al la fourchette. *

—One of the farmers from Cedar Hill who was in town to-day, said he did not think he had ever seen more fun or a livelier meeting out there. He says the boys from town made the meeting interesting.

—Dr. A. B. Fraser was the only witness examined to-day in the case of Dr. J. K. Garrow and Henry Creech, charged with the murder of Mary Helen Janes. His evidence was the same as that given at the inquest. The case will be continued on Thursday.

—Messrs. Dunsmuir yesterday gave out that they would sell Wellington coal to any coal merchant. For some time past their sole agents in Victoria have been Messrs. Rattray & Hall, and other dealers had to buy from them. The change is not likely to make any difference in the price of coal.

—To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

—Magistrate Macrae is holding a levee this afternoon, the minor cases having been left over from this morning on account of the Garrow case. The cases for this afternoon ar H. Sacht, pointing a revolver at J. F. Kingstan and N. Christiansen, S. Martin and William Farley, charged with aggravated assault.

—Two passengers, who came over from the Sound by the steamer Edith this morning, called at the Times office to complain of the treatment they had received. The steamer left Seattle on Sunday night but on account of the rough weather did not cross the gulf yesterday. The pasengers who were booked for Victoria had to remain on the boat and were charged 50 cents a meal. Some of them were not blessed with too much money and consequently had to go hungry. The men who called at the office said the boat could have come over at 3 o'clock yesterday, but the captain refused to leave shelter.

—An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria was held yesterday in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo. At the urgent request of the congregation the resignation of Rev. D. A. McRae of his charge of St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, was allowed to lie on the table, Mr. McRae being granted leave of absence for six months, with the hope that the state of his family's health may be such then as to enable him to return and resume his work. The arrangements for the supply of the pulpit in the meantime were left in the hands of the session. Rev. W. L. Clay was appointed convener of the home mission and augmentation committee during Mr. McRae's absence, and Rev. Alex. Young treasurer of the presbytery and convener of the committee on church life and work. The presbytery adjourned to meet in First Presbyterian church here on the first Tuesday in March.

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Special Christmas services will be held in most of the city churches, which have been prettily decorated for the occasion. As usual there will be midnight services and mass in St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral, which will be repeated at 10:30 to-morrow morning. They will be carried out in the following order: Midnight service—celebrant, Rev. Father Nicolaye; deacon, Rev. Father Althoff; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Leterm; and sermon by Rev. Father Althoff.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.
Mozart's Twelfth Mass.
(Chorus of 24 voices, assisted by Madame Laird.)

Kyrie ..... Mozart
Gloria ..... Mozart
Sermon—Rev. Fr. Althoff. .....
Credo ..... Mozart
Grand Ave Maria ..... J. Loretz
Sanctus ..... Mozart
Benedictus ..... Mozart
Agnus Dei ..... Mozart
Adeste Fidelis ..... Novello

Services will be be conducted at St. James' Church, James Bay, by Rev. J. H. Sweet, as follows: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion. There will be special music at the above service. Collection in aid of the clergy, widows' and orphans' fund.

At St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, Rev. W. D. Barber, incumbent, there will be: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; morning service and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; service and carols at 4 p.m. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday there will be morning prayer at 11 o'clock.

Christmas services will be held in the Reformed Episcopal church at 11 a.m.

St. John's Church, Douglas street, Rev. P. Jenns, rector.—At 8 a.m. there will be celebration of the Holy Communion; at 11 a.m., there will be Matins and Holy Communion, and sermon by the rector. The following is the order of the 11 o'clock service:

Processional Hymn, Christians Awake! No. 61 A and M. .....
Preces and Responses (Festal) ..... Tallis
Venite (chant) ..... Crotch
Psalm (Proper for Christmas Day) to chants Ps. xix., Monk; Ps. xlv., Ousley & McFarren; Ps. lxxxv., Twrle. .....
TeDeum Laudamus ....
Jubilate Deo. ..... Garrett in F.
Anthem, "Behold I bring you good tidings" ..... Goss
Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," No. 60 A. and M. .....
Kyrie Elison ..... Garrett in F
Gloria Tibi ..... Goss, from Tallis
Offertory, sentences and organ interludes by Hy. Smart .....
Communion Hymn, My God, and is Thy Table Spread." Garrett in F., No. 317 A. and M. .....
Celebration of Holy Communion.....

THE CAMPAIGN.

Opposition Meetings Arranged—Ward Committees' Good Reports.

William Templeman, the Opposition candidate, will address the electors of Victoria at the Victoria Theatre on Thursday evening next on the issues of the present campaign. Hon. A. N. Richards will occupy the chair, and there will be addresses by other prominent citizens. Colonel Prior, the government candidate is, as at all other public meetings held by the Opposition candidate, invited to be present.

The electors of Cedar Hill will have an opportunity of hearing the views of the Opposition candidate on important questions at a meeting to be held at the public school house on Monday evening, the 30th inst. This meeting has been postponed from Friday as previously announced owing to the fact that a church social had been arranged for Friday at the Sunday school in the district.

In the city the various ward committees are actively at work and judging from the glowing reports received by the chairmen of the various committees, nothing can prevent the election of Mr. Templeman by a handsome majority.

Templeman's central committee rooms 42 Broad street, next Garland's restaurant, are nightly crowded with an influential and enthusiastic band of workers, who are proceeding with the work of systematic and complete organization with an ardour that is most cheering. As has been stated before, all active supporters of William Templeman, all those who desire to protest against the return of a member from this province pledged to support a coercion measure aimed against the people of Manitoba, whether members of either of the local Liberal organizations or not, are cordially invited to attend at to-night's meeting and "get in harness."

"It's strange," said the Maltese cat, "in this life nobody seems to get what he really needs without difficulty."

"I've heard that before said the tortoise-shell cat.

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Hubby—Oh, no; Adam.
Wifely—Who? You, dearest?

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GOSSIP ABOUT GEMS.

The Diamond Is Deposed From the Premier Place.

Americans are buying dukes this year. They have no money for diamonds, says Rene Bache in the Boston Transcript. The importations of these precious stones have gone away down, owing to the hard times. In 1894 they dropped to a lower point than for many years, only $6,768,000 worth being brought to this country. The growth of luxury in the United States is fairly measured by the imports of diamonds, which in 1867 amounted to barely more than $1,300,000. In 1889 they reached nearly $11,000,000; in 1890, $13,000,000; in 1892, $14,000,000. This was the high water mark. They have fallen off to less than half that figure since.

The notion of buying diamonds by the ton seems almost absurd, yet, practically, that is what is done nowadays by the great English syndicate which purchases the whole output of the South African mines for a sum stipulated annually. The stones are bought in the rough and are cut in London. On this account the business of cutting diamonds has been moving to the British capital, which has become the great centre of the industry formerly almost monopolized by Amsterdam. In January of the present year the dealers of Amsterdam and Antwerp formed a combination and tried to break the English control of the market by offering higher prices than the English syndicate had bid for the yield of 1895. The Britishers, however, made an offer yet higher, securing the goods for the enormous sum of $17,500,000 in cash.

Only a few months ago the greatest diamond ever known in the history of the world was found in one of these South African mines—the Jagersfontein. It weighs 971 carats, far exceeding the celebrated "Great Mogul." It is a blue-white and faultless, except for a slight spot in the centre, hardly visible to the naked eye. The value is stated at $2,000,000. Experts say that a "drop" stone of 600 carats can be cut from it, or a "brilliant" of over 400. Of all forms for cutting diamonds the brilliant is the most beautifully and optically effective, but it is apt to be wasteful of the precious material. A report was published to the effect that Emperor William of Germany was going to buy the gem, but, whatever the reason may have been, it did not become his property. It was presented to the Pope by the president of the Transvaal Republic.

It is a great mistake to suppose that diamonds are the most precious of gems. In market value they are far surpassed by rubies. A four-carat ruby of true pigeon-blood color is worth $9000, while a fine white diamond of the same weight will sell for $1000. Most of the rubies to-day come from Siam, but the finest are from Burmah. Of the latter the supply is very small, however, owing to the difficulties which attend mining in Burmah.

In view of these facts, much interest attaches to a statement soon to be published by the United States geological survey, to the effect that great deposits of rubies have been discovered recently in a valley in North Carolina. The valley is three miles long by half a mile wide, traversed by a stream. The gems are found in a layer of gravel from two to ten feet thick, and from three to twenty feet below the surface of the ground. Exploration has proved that the ruby-bearing gravel extends through the entire valley, but not beyond it. Many of the stones already picked up are of large size.

The most important precious stone of the United States, commercially speaking, is turquoise. In 1891 there was mined of it in this country $150,000 worth; in 1892, $175,000 worth; in 1893, $143,000 worth. Immense deposits of it, some of which were worked anciently by the Indians, have been found in Arizona and New Mexico. Recently a new mine was discovered in Texas, to the north of El Paso. Whereas the aborigines, long before the coming of the first white man, took out the turquoise by the crudest methods, building fires against the rocks to crack them the deposits to-day are attacked on scientific principles, and are made to yield stones equal to the finest Persian. Gems up to sixty carats' weight, and valued at $4000 each, have been cut from them. A great advantage which they have over most imported turquoise is that they do not change color. Owing to the stringency of the times, however, the output of turquoise in this country in 1894 was worth only $30,000.

The legislative assembly of Arizona has addressed a memorial to Congress, asking that the lands covered by the "petrified forest" be withdrawn from entry and made a public park. This so-called "forest" of chalcedony is in Apache country. An area of ten miles square is covered with trunks of agatized trees, some of which measure two hundred feet in length and ten feet in diameter. Ruthless curiosity seekers are destroying the trees by blasting them to pieces in search of the pretty crystals which are found inside of many of them. Limbs and similar pieces are shipped away by carloads to be ground up for various purposes. It is urged that to make the tract a public park would preserve it from vandalism and would injure nobody, inasmuch as there are no settlers upon it. The other day a cowboy rode over the "agatized bridge" on horseback, trying to break down the tree that spans the chasm, and was disappointed at not succeeding.

During the last year deposits of very beautiful sapphires were discovered 25 miles west of Phillipsburg, Mont., on the eastern slope of the Bitter Root range. The crystals are scattered over an area of 1500 acres and 75 pounds of them have been obtained already. They are of light shades of blue, pink, yellow and purple. The forthcoming bulletin of the United States Geological survey, freely quoted in this letter, if from the pen of Mr. G. F. Kunz, Tiffany's famous expert in gems. He says that a few months ago the Trenton Flint and Spar Company, of Topsham, Maine, while mining for feldspar, came upon a number of pockets filled with remarkable crystals of beryl, green, yellow and white. Some of them were as much as five inches long and one inch in diameter. Nearly all were transparent and capable of yielding gems equal to those of the Ural Mountains.

Mr. Kunz states that during the last few years the Indians of the Navajo reservations have found so many garnets and peridots that the supply has succeeded the demand. Thus at present there is a large surplus of these stones on hand at the various agencies. The Indians collect them from ant hills and scorpion holes, the occupants of which bring them to the surface. Some of the garnets are half an inch in diameter. They have a better color by artificial light than South African garnets. During the last twelve months a valuable ledge of moss agate was discovered at Hartville, one hundred miles north of Cheyenne, Wyoming. It is six inches thick, five feet wide, and runs for a distance of half a mile. It was found by prospectors who were looking for copper. The material, as quarried in the crude, sells for $200 a ton. It is not so many years since moss agate was considered a precious stone, being sold by the carat. It has only ceased to be so regarded because of the finding of great deposits of it have made it a drug on the market.

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ROYAL CATS FROM SIAM.

A Notable Addition to the Feline Tribe in Paris.

Dogs are always credited with having their day, and why should there be any discrimination against cats? The feline tribe is having more than its share of attention just now in Paris, and the star of the cat is now in its ascendancy. The dogs, at least for the time being, are not in it. All this stir in the cat world is caused by the arrival of a distinctly new species, hitherto unknown to catdom in Europe and America. The royal Siamese kiki, by which name the new-comer is known, is the reigning sensation of the hour. The Persian feline, which has till now held undisputed supremacy in the real of cats, is ignominiously retired, says the Chicago Chronicle.

The Prince of Orleans during his last visit to Siam, was very graciously received by the king. In exchanging the parting courtesies the Siamese ruler, as a special token of the high regard in which he held the prince, gave him three superb specimens of the royal Siamese cats. A man who had always seen to the wants of these aristocratic felines, was detailed to accompany the gift to France. As soon as they arrived in Paris, the prince gave the precious cats in charge of M. Milne-Edwards, superintendent of this department in the Jardin des Plantes. They are installed in very commodious quarters and are taking kindly to their change of home. There has been an addition to the family since its arrival, and a very respectable sum has been offered for the kittens, which, however, are not for sale.

They are really extremely handsome specimens of the cat tribe, being of very pure blood. Their pedigree, which, unfortunately is written in Siamese, is a terribly long one. In appearance these royal cats look somewhat different from the ordinary plebeian ones. Their bodies are a little more elongated, not having that tendency to roundness so noticeable in the ordinary house cat. An awkward cat is an impossibility, and the royal kiki is the very ideal of graceful movement. They seem to be particularly strong in bone and muscle, which gives them the appearance of a pocket edition of curiously colored tigers. The family of these cats is a striking example of what good breeding will accomplish. All of them are exactly alike, except that the females are a little larger than the males. They are beautiful in color, being of a silvery fawn in the body, and having their masks or faces of a glossy dark chocolate shade. The tips of their tails, the ears and feet are also this color, which gives them a decidedly aristocratic appearance. Their eyes are in very striking contrast to those of our domesticated animal, being of a dark blue in color. The pupils are jet black, but susceptible to the most violent changes, according to the humor of the animal. Sometimes the pupil looks like a superb amethyst, and then again it takes the hue of a fiery carbuncle.

They seem to be of a gruchuno re gentle and sociable disposition than is generally found among the cat tribe. They rarely ever use their teeth or claws against anybody unless greatly irritated or frightened. They are thorough aristocrats in the fullest sense of the word. No matter how much the Persian and other species of their kind endeavor to obtain social recognition from the royal Siamese, they always receive amostun mistakable snub instead. If a well-dressed visitor, be it gentleman or lady, comes up to their cage, they are always graciously received by these cat snobs, but should a person approach whose attire is not up to their standard, they make furious efforts to scratch such a presumptuous individual.

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	Daily	Sat'dy
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington..	A. M. 8.00	P. M. 3 20
Ar. Nanaimo..	11.40	6.58
Ar. Wellington..	12.00	6 55

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	Daily	Sat'dy
Lv. Wellington for Victoria..	A. M. 8.20	P. M. 3.30
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria..	8 40	3 45
Ar. Victoria ..	12.20	7 00

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'Some of the cheaper seats were not easy of access, if we may judge by this advertisement in the paper of the day: 'Upper boxes are now preparing,' the passage to which must be from the stage. It is therefore hoped such gentlemen and ladies as choose to fix on these seats will come before the play begins, as it is not possible they can be admitted after the curtain is drawn up.'

"As for the cost of going to the theatre in the New York playhouse at that time, that ran lower; gallery seats sold for two shillings each, pit seats four shillings and boxes, of which there were ten, for five shillings.—These prices, however, were apparently very moderate (whether they were New York shillings or sterling shillings) compared with the prices at the Philadelphia theatre in 1780, when fifteen dollars was charged for the admission of a child, twenty dollars for a gallery seat, thirty dollars for admission to the pit and forty dollars for a box seat: but these latter prices, it may be added, were in continental money."

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Government Want the City to Pay for the Transportation of Old Men.

Senator Macdonald and His Water Rates—Improvements at Elk Lake.

The provincial secretary asked for a refund of $138 for transferring eight old men from the Jubilee Hospital and Old Men's Home to the Provincial Home at Kamloops.

Ald. Cameron could not see what the city had to do with the matter. The men taken from the Old Men's Home were government inmates, who had been kept at the city home until the Provincial Home was ready. As to the others the Jubilee Hospital authorities should deal with them.

Ald. Macmillan thought the proposal a very cheeky one, if he would be allowed to say so. The men were government men and the city should not be charged with their transportation.

Ald. Humphreys moved that the matter be referred to the Old Men's Home committee to report. Adopted.

Senator Macdonald wrote as follows:

Victoria, 23rd. Dec. 1895.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen:

Gentlemen: Last April, now eight months ago, I sent a communication to you in connection with my water rate to which I had a reply only this day to the effect that unless I paid my water rater forthwith the supply would be cut off. In my previous communication of last April when a meter was put on my service, I explained the special arrangements made by the council of 1887, which was in effect as follows: On my applying for a supply of water I met a committee of the council consisting of Mayor Grant, Mr. A. J. Smith and Mr. Humber, when it was agreed if I paid $3 per month and $20 for laying the pipes from Montreal street to my house that I could have the water—I agreed to that and for the last eight years that arrangement was punctually carried out. Now the water commissioner has varied that agreement by placing a water meter on my supply in consequence of which I claim compensation or a refund of the $20 I paid for laying the pipe, or go under the old arrangement.

I ask no favors, but simple justice and fair play as between man and man, and in this case I appeal to your sense of common, ordinary justice.

My unpaid rates now amount to the value of the pipe, and the account is easily balanced. Why should I pay for the water pipe in the common street when others do not pay?

Yours Respectfully,

W. J. MACDONALD.

Ald. Humphrey explained that the pipe was laid exclusively for Senator Macdonald. If he had not laid the pipe he could not have the water.

Ald. Macmillan—The pipe runs through Senator Macdonald's property. The old charge was $3 a month, while since the meter had been put in the rate had been about $2.40 a month. If the proposal was entertained there would be many similar claims. He moved that the letter be received and filed and the Senator be informed that the council cannot accede to the proposal.

Ald. Williams thought for the sake of $20 the amount should be refunded.

Ald. Macmillan refused to grant to a wealthy man what would be refused to an ordinary ratepayer.

Ald. McLellan understood that Senator Macdonald since the meter had been put on had used less water on his lawns to keep the rate under $3.

Ald. Hall considered that the $20 should be refunded, but the meter should remain on. Ald. Wilson and Bragg were of the same opinion.

Ald. Humphrey said the objection was not to paying the $20 but it would establish a precedent.

It was finally decided to refer the matter to the water commissioner to refund the money if he sees fit.

C. A. Holland complained of damage done to the basement of the Adelphi building by water from the surface drain. Referred to the city engineer.

Rev. C. Ellison asked for the speedy passage of the by-law providing for the closing of Craigflower road.

Ald. Macmillan moved that the letter be filed and Mr. Ellison be informed that the council cannot accede to the request. Motion adopted.

Messrs. Hale & Bell asked for the reconsideration of the matter of giving a bonus of $169.45 for the sidewalk around the Occidental Hotel. They thought it unfair to hold back a percentage of it for six months.

Ald. Hall said Messrs. Hale & Bell would not object to waiting three months. He moved that the final payment be made in three months. Motion adopted.

The water commissioner again drew attention to the necessity of building four small dams at Elk Lake to prevent the surrounding land from being flooded when the water is raised. Mr. Ralph has laid out the three foot rise and has surveyed a line one chain back from this which will contain about 35 acres. The commissioner recommended the expropriation of this land. This will enable the whole of the border of the lakes to be cleared. The proposed raise will cover a portion of the east Saanich road and sufficient land to remove the road up the hillside is included in the 35 acres. The estimated cost of the land, the construction of the dams and the removing of the road is placed at $8500. There is still available of the loan of 1894 $25,000. Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey have been paid in all $42,000.

Ald. Bragg moved that the commissioner be empowered to go on with the work. The work, he said, should go on at once, so as to preserve this year's waterfall.

Ald. Macmillan said he would second the motion if Ald. Bragg would provide that the work be done under a foreman who would be responsible for the cost of the work and have power to hire and discharge men.

Ald. Bragg accepted the amendment.

Ald. Williams objected to more land being purchased at this time. The intake was in the wrong position, and the work of raising the water was undertaken simply to accommodate the contractors. Either the engineer or the contractors were responsible.

Ald. Bragg—The alderman should either prove or retract that statement.

Ald. Humphreys said it would be cheaper to purchase the land now than pay damages for overflowing of private lands. As to the intakes, if they were in the wrong place they could be changed.

Ald. Macmillan was confident that the work was being efficiently done, the city having two competent men to look after it.

Ald. Bragg's motion as amended by Ald. Macmillan was adopted.

Dr. Duncan, city health officer, suggested the admission of Mr. Creet to the Old Men's Home. Referred to the home committee.

Mrs. Hickey, secretary of the Maternity Home committee, asked the city for aid for the home. On motion the clerk was instructed to notify Mrs. Hickey that a donation has already been made.

James Parfitt and 94 others petitioned that the office of fire chief be made elective. The petition was the same as the one recently presented.

Ald. McLellan moved, seconded by Ald. Macmillan, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Ald. Humphrey—You had better find out from the solicitor whether we have power to deal with the matter.

Ald. Bragg would like the petition laid over for a week. He would like to be given a chance to explain why he considered the present system the best.

The petition was laid over for a week.

In connection with the finance committee's reports, Ald. Macmillan wished to know why the health officer had chartered the steamer Alert to go to Darcy Island, when an arrangement had been made early in the year with the owner of the steamer Sadie. On motion it was decided to ask the doctor for the information.

Ald. Williams motion regarding the annual report was defeated.

The milk vendors' by-law was re-considered and finally passed.

It was decided to appoint agricultural society directors at the next meeting, and the council adjourned at ten o'clock.

Cable News.

Turkey, Dec. 23.—With the Venezuelan question on the tapis, there seems to be no prospect of any concerted action in Armenia at present. A Constantinople reporter, who has been unusually well informed throughout the crisis, writes recording the Sultan's triumph at the difficulty Great Britain is now placed in, and says that neither Britain nor any of the Powers has yet done anything to save the 400,000 Armenians who are facing the alternative of starvation or conversion to Mahommadism. The Sultan, the correspondent continues, is confident and exulting, and has never been seen in such bright spirits. He impresses his visitors as being more clear headed and logical in conversation than usual, and more determined than ever to carry out his own point. In fact, it is said the Sultan is ten times stronger than he was six months ago, and that he no longer fears the Turkish revolutionists, and less the Powers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Latest reports from United States Minister Terrell, at Constantinople, show that there is grave reason to apprehend further religious outbreaks in Turkey, by which the safety of American residents there would be threatened. Secretary Herbert, at the instance of the department of state, has issued general instructions to Admiral Selfridge, now off the coast of Syria, to afford protection and shelter aboard the three vessels of his fleet to any Americans who may be disposed to accept. No attempt will be made to send any force from the vessel into the interior of the country, as it is realized that this would be utterly impracticable with the number of men at hand, and impolitic as well.

Paris, Dec. 23.—It is rumored here that England will extend to the United States and Great Britain an offer to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

Colon, Island of Cuba, Province of Matanzaz, Dec. 21.—As this dispatch is sent away, heavy musketry firing is heard in the direction of Ajurica, a small town six miles from here, about twenty miles from the frontier of Santa Clara. It is believed that a serious engagement is taking place between the Spanish troops under General Hernandez and a number of insurgent forcess. The latter are understood to be commanded by Macco and Gomez and have been seen coming through Palma Sola, on the frontier of the province of the Matanzaz.

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HAPPENINGS IN HONOLULU.

Trial of Conspirators—The Vacant Justice ship Given to Mr. Hartwell.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The steamer Australia brings the following this morning from Honolulu, December 16:

The trial of Underwood alias Morrow, and Sheridan, two alleged conspirators, was postponed this morning for one week. The government denies the report that the men will be allowed to leave the country without trial. It is claimed that a case can be made out which will implicate several men in San Francisco.

The vacancy in the supreme court caused by the death of Justice Bickerton will probably be filled by A. S Hartwell, one of the leading lawyers here. The president and cabinet, the council of state and the bar association are unanimous in choosing Judge Hartwell. Alfred S. Hartwell was born in West Dedham, graduated at Harvard college in the class of 1858 and then became tutor in the Washington university at St. Louis, where at the breaking out of the war he enlisted. Step by step he advanced and finally was breveted brigadier-general for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Honey Hill, S. C. After the civil war he completed his studies and took the degree of bachelor of law at Harvard law school. After practising in Boston for a year or two he received the appointment of first associate justice of the supreme court of the Hawaiian islands in July 1868. This brought him to Honolulu where he sat on the bench until Kalakaua's election in February, 1874, when he took the place of attorney-general in Kalakaua's first cabinet, a place which he resigned in a few months for private law practice which he has continued with the exception of a year and a half as attorney-general in 1877-78.

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"I have been for about ten years very much troubled with Indigestion and Dyspepsia, have tried a great many different kinds of patent medicines, and have been treated by a number of physicians and found no benefit from them. I was recommended to try the Great South American Nervine Tonic. I obtained a bottle, and I must say I found very great relief, and have since taken two more bottles, and now feel that I am entirely free from Indigestion, and would strongly recommend all my fellow-sufferers from the disease to give South American Nervine an immediate trial. It will cure you.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Land Registry Act.

Part (30 acres) of Section 14, Range VI., East, and of Section 14, Range 5, East, South Saanich District.

Whereas the Certificate of Title of Richard James Smith to the above hereditaments, bearing date the 28th June, 1891, has been lost and application has been made for a duplicate of such certificate.

Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against dealing in any way with the bay gelding "Snohomish Boy," now supposed to be in the hands of Frank Adams.

TAM ELWELL.

Victoria, Dec. 10th, 1895. de10-1w

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ISLANDER AFLOAT.

Towed Off the Rocks at Portlock Point by the Steamer Princess Louise.

She Has a Gaping Hole in Her Hull—Other Shipping News of the Day.

The steamer Islander is on her way

The steamer Islqander is on her way home from Prevost Island. She was pulled off the rocks at Portlock Point at 10 o'clock this morning by the steamer Princess Louise, Capt. Jagers. An ordinary line was run from the Islander to the Louise, and when the tide was at its highest, the Louise commenced to pull. The big vessel came off with very little difficulty, a cheer going up from the passengers and crew when she was seen to move. The Louise had left Portlock Point half an hour after her arrival there from New Westminster. The Islander and Rainbow remained behind to pick up the anchorage, ropes, etc. They are proceeding to Victoria under slow steam, and will arrive early this evening. The Islander will be docked immediately.

She has a thirty foot hole in her hull, extending from the seven foot mark on the stem to the collision bulkhead. The plates being injured abaft the bulkhead allowed the water to get into the forward hold. The hole was stopped up last night by a diver and Mr. Clarke, the company's carpenter, and the water had been pumped out of her hold before the attempt was made to move her.

At the time of the accident Pilot Foster was in charge of the steamer, Capt. Rudlin having gone below. Quartermaster Stoddart was at the wheel. The quartermaster lays the blame on the pilot, and the latter has not yet been heard, he having remained in charge of the wreck. Capt. Rudlin took charge of the Charmer this morning.

The Islander was never under water, in fact the water never reached above the main deck.

Owing to the storm which raged yesterday the steamer Edith did not arrive till this morning. She left again at 9 o'clock for the Sound, with a number of passengers on board. The Edith has been placed on the Victoria-Puget Sound route by the P. S. & A. S. S. Co., in place of the Sehome.

The City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco last evening with a number of passengers and 61 tons of freight for Victoria merchants.

Captain Cutler, of the Agnes Macdonald, has decided to engage a white crew, as the Fort Rupert Indians whom he visited on the last trip of the Boscowitz asked extravagant prices to engage in seal hunting.

The Umatilla leaves for San Francisco this evening with the following passengers on board: J. L. Chapman, Miss C. Beauchamp, Mrs. W. M. Meyers, H. D. R. Stewart, D. Marsh, J. M. Jenkins, John Campbell.

WEST KOOTENAY.

J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., Speaks in Glowing Terms About This District.

James M. Kellie, M.P.P., of Northwest Kootenay, is at the Oriental. It is probable that he will remain for the coming session of the local legislature. Mr. Kellie is anxious to put a stop to claim-jumping in this province, and will introduce an act to deal with the matter. It is his intention to ask that the act be made retroactive so that the cases of claim-jumping in West Kootenay this fall may be dealt with. Mr. Kellie speaks in the most enthusiastic way of the Kootenay country, and claims that it is the richest mining country in the world. The weather has been very mild, consequently there is $3,000,000 worth of ore which will be taken out with the first snow fall. Mr. Kellie expects that fully $10,000,000 worth of gold will be taken out of Kootenay next year. While Rossland is today the most important mining centre, mines are being rapidly developed in the vicinity of Revelstoke, which is destined to become an important mining centre. Mr. Kellie, before he left for the coast, held meetings throughout his constituency and all he came in contact with demand legislation to prohibit claim-jumping.

Rocking Horses

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THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

Particulars Regarding the Volunteer Fleet for Eastern Waters.

Our Vienna correspondent says that the Russian Volunteer Fleet, which is destined to play a prominent part in case of hostilities in the far east, has for its ostensible object the development of Russian commerce in the far east. It has succeeded in no small measure, especially as regards the tea trade between China and Russia, which it has taken out of English hands. The volunteer fleet is also used for the transport of troops, convicts, and occasionally of free emigrants from over-populated portions of Russia. for such a service vessels of from 18 to 20 knots' speed like those of the volunteer fleet are not required. They were obviously built with an entirely different object. If the Russians carry out their intention of running a local line of fast steamers running between Vladivostock and Shanghai, they would have two fleets of armed steamers in the waters of the far east instantly available as either transports or fast cruisers—cruisers against which Great Britain's mercantile marine in those parts would be practically defenceless. The ships of the volunteer fleet are all of English construction, and they do their builders the greatest credit.

A portion of the Russian press dwells upon the necessity of Russia's acquiring a coaling station for her ships in the Indian and Pacific oceans, and the Novoe Vremya points out that within easy reach of the northern coast of Sumatra, nearly in the same latitude as the Straits of Malaca, is situated the Island of Pulo-Wai, where coal of good quality can be got. The island is of little value to the Dutch owing to the constant attacks of the Achinese.

Three Russian vessels left Brest on Sunday for Algiers, Port Said and Athens.

The Russian armor clad Admiral Apraxine, which is so far advanced at the new admiralty yard, St. Petersburg, as to be nearly ready to take the water, is of the same class as the Admiral Seniavin, now awaiting her trials, and of the Admiral Oushakoff. She is designed for coast defence, but is calculated also for distant operations under conditions. She displaces 4126 tons, and is 278 feet long, with 52 inch beam, and a draught of 17 feet. Two triple engines are to give a speed of 14 knots with natural draught and 16 knots with forced draught. The Khrabry, gunboat, launched on Nov. 21, is of the same class of the Otvajny, now in the far east, and the Grosiastchy, which has just proceeded with the Rurik and Dmitry Donskoy to the Mediterranean: displacement, 1492 tons; length, 237 feet; beam, 41 feet 6 inches; draught, 11 feet; speed, 15 knots.—London Times.

PERSECUTION IN GERMANY.

Severe Restrictions of Liberty and Their Probable Result.

Germans are a long-suffering race, constitutionally tolerant of bureaucratic interference, and, in fact, disposed to demand it to a degree of which we have little conception in this country. . . . Liberty of the press is at the best very much narrower and more restricted in Germany than among ourselves, but of late it has almost vanished under peculiarly harsh and rigorous applications of enactments framed with perilous vagueness. Liberty of association is also hedged around with restrictions the mildest of which would create a storm in this country. In this direction also the full powers of the law are now being invoked, with the result that, if the present severity goes on increasing, it will ultimately be not very much easier to secure collective action in Berlin than in Constantinople. For the present the Social Democrats are the objects of this excessive zeal, but there is no reason whatever to suppose that the spirit of intolerance once fairly aroused will display itself in the treatment of only one political party. The Social Democrats, though no doubt identified in many mind though no doubt identified in many minds with the wildest theories of their more noisy writers, are not as a matter of fact the dangerous characters which the authorities apparently consider them. . . . . As far as the Socialists are concerned, the first result of repressive measures is to cause them to close up their ranks and forget their internal dissensions. . . Those who, like ourselves, desire to see Germany strong, cannot but regard as deplorable a policy which treats a couple of million electors of Germany as enemies to all that is good, merely because they hold opinions which in this country would attract little attention, and even in Germany, under a provocative regime, have next to no effect upon conduct. What does the German government suppose it is going finally to do with these two millions and their inarticulate sympathizers? It surely cannot seriously imagine that it is going to stamp out Social Democracy. . . The Emperor is a man of very high ability, very well able to hold his own in any field he may choose to enter. Surely the hypersensitiveness of his government to criticisms, couched in perfectly respectful and general language, tends to lower instead of to enhance his personal prestige and dignity. From that point of view alone we might, perhaps, venture to hope for some relaxation of that persecuting zeal which at present eats up the German official world, and is assuredly promoting everything that it most deprecates and dreads.—London Times.

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THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

President Cleveland's Blunder in Regard To Venezuela.

There is room for great question whether it would not be wise to adjourn over the coming Christmas holidays instead of exciting the public mind by the unusual course of taking no recess. We do not think that the president is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he has conducted himself in a very grave crisis. He must have been quite aware that his declaration in regard to the Venezuelan matter would have a prejudical effect upon the financial market, and he ought to have realized that n the semi-panic which was almost certain to ensue the discussion of financial questions would have a tendency to further unsettle conditions. But he rushed along at headlong speed, and at a time when the country was recovering, not without difficulty, from the gravest depression experienced in years, he came forward with two measures, both calculated to create great uneasiness, to unsettle values and to cause financial stringency. The nation has a right to expect that Mr. Cleveland would have forseen the consequence of his acts, and may justly hold him responsible for any evil which results. He knew that financial legislation was needed. He knew that the pressing need of the nation was for financial legislation before anything else. The Venezuelan matter would have kept a few weeks without spoiling. Good sense, not to say statesmanship, ought to have suggested that the country should put its own house in order before plunging into an international complication which any person must have forseen would create more or less a financial panic in a suspicion arises that Mr. Cleveland's object in putting the cart before the horse was to restore his reputation for Americanism before inviting congress to authorize a new bond issue, he has himself to blame. We do not charge Mr. Cleveland with this intention, and attribute what must be regarded as an error in statesmanship to his way of going, hammer and tongs, at every subject which calls for his consideration. The last thing he seems to think about is the consequence of any course he takes. One of Lincoln's favorite stories was, as everyone knows, about the man who would not swap horses while crossing a stream. Cleveland stood upon the bank and saw that financial "horse trade" had to be made, but before making it he deliberately plunged into the turbulent waters of foreign political complications. Such a course may be politics, but it is not statesmanship, and it looks very much as if the business interests of the country would pay the piper.

We repeat that there was no need for haste in regard to Venezuela in view of the immediate pendency of the financial question. It is true that Mr. Cleveland was being belabored day and night by his political opponents for his alleged friendship to England, which, however, he never evinced. He ought, if necessary to have borne more of such attacks. He could very well have intimated to congress that he had an important communication to make in the Venezuelan question, but deemed it advisable before doing so to ask for legislation on the finances. The best judgment of the country would have commended his course and time would have shown that it was statesmanlike.—Seattle Times.

PERSONAL.

J. E. Church returned this morning from California.

R. P. Rithet returned from San Francisco last evening.

M. Strauss was a passenger from San Francisco by the Puebla.

Capt. A. C. Folger returned from San Francisco by the City of Puebla.

Ross Eckardt and H. G. Wilson have returned from a visit to the Sound.

R. Black, of the City of Kingston, has returned from a holiday trip to California.

F. C. Davidge will spend Christmas in St. Joseph's hospital, having caught a severe cold.

E. C. Hayward, B.A., and L. H. Redon, of Leland Stanford University, have returned home by the City of Puebla to spend the holidays.

PASSENGERS.

Per City of Puebla from San Francisco—Miss Burling, A A McBride and wife, H McCartney, J Black, R P Rithet, Jas W Wakler, Robt A Black, E C Haywood, L H Redon, M Strauss, H Wickston and wife, Jas Loveless, Capt A C Folger.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Geo Comereny, Mrs Rider, Master Rieder, Mrs Tate, G W McIntosh, Miss McIntosh, Miss McIntosh, Fred Adams, F J Butt, R Johnson, Mrs Johnson, L Fullerton, Geo Brimstone, C W Carter, J G French, A E Frazier, F Sharp, Jas Buttler, T Tovey, D McDonald, A Larson, M Ryan, J Stanton, F Hunsen, G Smith.

Per steamer Edith from the Sound.—Ross Eckardt, Miss Davis, W J Watkins, W Kirsht, J A Charley, T Moore, W Turner, A E Simpson, M J Johnson, S Johnson, Miss Roe, Geo Knight, T Begg, W Hhlecester, P Tyson, W Irvine, A Carter, Mrs Carter, J C Bishop, J E Churer, M Doushon and wife, A Finleyson, C McArthur, C J A Osborne, J A ey, A Hutt, C E Barrow, G H Richardson, W J Gordon, P H Keeney, T Murray, C Gallihar, H W Carter, C Stephenson, T Herbert.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—W Dodds, A & W Wilson, Hall & Renouf, Vaio & Brooks, Miss M Dickenson.

Per City of Puebla from San Francisco—Albion Iron Works, A McGregor & Son, Bank of B C, Blake, Moffit & Browne, B Levy, Brackman & K M Co, E G Prior, E J Saunders & Co, Erskine Wall & Co, F Kurtz & Co, Fred Carne, F R Stewart, Gam Feek Yuen, H J Brady & Co, H B Healy, H SFa irall, H B Co, J & A Clearihue, J H Todd & Son, Jno Barnsley & Co, Langley & Co, LD ickinson, M Wasto, Pither & Liser, P McQuade & Son, Quong Hing Lung, R Backer & Son, R P Rithet & Co, Shallcross, Macaulay & Co, Speed Bros, S Leiser, Spratt & Macaulay, S Reid, W J Pendray, W M Goodchild, Wilson Bros, E E Blackwood, J E Kinsman, Tyler & Goodwin, A R Johnston & Co, Nanaimo Equitable Pioneer Society, Union Brewing Co, T S Annandale, Wm Teitjen, C S Philip, A Schilling & Co.

THE WHEEL.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—Parker Berlo took one and four-fifths seconds from Gardiner's world's record for a mile, and placed the record at 1:40 3-5, instead of 1:42 4-5. He was paced by a quad for one-third of a mile, and by a quintette for the rest of the mile. Eight of his pacemakers fainted.

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Dublin, Dec. 24.—The British ship Moresby, Capt. Coomber, stranded yesterday off Ballinacourtly lighthouse, near Dungarven, about a mile and a half from the shore. Her crew, numbering 36, have been lashed to the riggings throughout the night and it is believed will perish. The sea is so heavy it is impossible for a lifeboat to live in it. One put out but had to put back. The Moresby at the time the lifeboat was driven away from her was breaking up. In spite of all the heroic efforts made, seventeen of the Moresby's crew were drowned when the vessel broke up.

A large three-masted vessel can be seen flying signals of distress in Kingstown. A lifeboat went to her assistance, but capsized her crew and sixteen of the men were drowned. A second lifeboat which started to the rescue, also overturned, but the crew managed to cling to the boat, which finally righted righted. The fate of the three-master is not known.

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